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SEVEN REPORT FOR PHYSICALS MONDAY, MAR. 5

Seven more men reported for their pre-induction physical examinations at Phoenix on Monday, March 5, the leave office announced.

The men are as follows:

BUTTE

Paul Kodama
Herbert Sugiyama
Richard Matsumura
Isao Tanaka

CANAL

George Kurisu
Masayoshi Fukuzawa
Torrance Minoru Oishi

MYER

URGES RETURN TO NORMAL

Returning to normalcy, the importance of doing so now, and the reasons for its urgency were pointed out by WRA Director Dillon S. Myer in public addresses in Butte and Canal over the week-end.

Director Myer gave the following five reasons why relocation centers should be closed:

1. Between 18,000 and 20,000 school age children are living in abnormal conditions. It is most important that these children return to normal condition and family life.

2. There is no unemployment now for those who want to work. Evacuees should take this opportunity while there is still demand for workers; when war ends and demobilization starts there won't be the opportunities that are now open. Now, one can earn good money, aid the war effort, and disperse to communities of better acceptance.

AGENCY WILL HELP

3. Welfare agencies are less busy during wartime than at any other time. They are trying to maintain the present staff of workers and are in the best position to help evacuees.

4. Congress has asked Director Myer how long appropriations would be necessary. He has replied that appropriations were needed as long as Coast exclusion was in effect and for reasonable time thereafter. He believes he can convince Congress that one

ARMY TO PRESENT DSC TO S/SGT. KAZUO OTANI

The Army's second highest military award, the Distinguished Service Cross, will be presented posthumously to S/Sgt. Kazuo Otani, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yoichi Otani of 226-A, at an Honor Service to be held in the Canal auditorium tomorrow night from 7 o'clock.

Sergeant Otani, 26, native of Fresno, Calif., was cited for dauntless courage and inspiring leadership in Italy on July 15, 1944. The text of his citation is printed

on page two.

The Distinguished Service Cross will be presented by Major Jerome S. Murphy, who will be accompanied by six other Army officers from Luke Field near Phoenix.

Grammar school children will not be allowed at the service tomorrow night. A reserved section will be set aside for parents of gold star sons and for servicemen on furlough.

The program:

1. "Martial Arts"-Orchestra.
2. Presentation of Colors-Boy and girl scouts.
3. National Anthem-Orchestra.
4. Introduction of president of Servicemen's Parents and Relatives Assn. L.H. Bennett.
5. Presentation of visiting officers. Frank Sasaki, president of Servicemen's Relatives Assn.

THE DSC

6. Presentation of Distinguished Service Cross-Major Jerome S. Murphy.
7. Translation of presentation remarks-F. Sasaki.
8. Remarks of appreciation-L.H. Bennett, Gila River Project Director.
9. The Nisei soldier in the U.S. Army-Col. V.S. Drysdale.
10. Rivers Honor Roll of gold star soldiers.
11. 30 Seconds of Silent Honor.
12. Taps.
13. Retirement of Colors-Boy and girl scouts.

GUESTS

Platform Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Yoichi Otani, Colonel John T. Geary, Colonel Francis H. Lincoln, Colonel Walter S. Drysdale, Lt. Col. A. Guyot Cameron, Jr., Lt. Col. Joseph C. Conell, 1st Lt. R.P. Whitten, A.C., Major Jerome S. Murphy, L.H. Bennett, Frank Sasaki.

year is a reasonable time.

5. As long as the centers remain, they and the WRA will be targets for the small anti-Japanese groups who want to stir up enough public feeling to pass legislation for deporting residents of centers. Enemies want centers to stay open; don't play into the hands of our enemies.

It is best for evacuees and for the interest of democracy that the centers be closed.

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Butte High PTA Postpones Meet

The Butte High School PTA meeting, scheduled for tomorrow night, has been postponed until next Thursday, March 15. All parents and teachers are requested to attend the meeting next Thursday night from 7:30 o'clock at block 43-6. The program will include entertainment.